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CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Commission Advice and Consent on the Department's 10-Year Rail Passenger Program Report (1999-00 – 2008-09)

Resolution G-00-31

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) is required by Government Code Section 14036 to give its advice and consent on the Department of Transportation (Department) Rail Passenger Program Report; and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Rail Passenger Program Reports which were due between 1995 and 1999 on a biennial basis were deferred in compliance with Assembly Bill 116 (Speier, 1995), as a cost saving measure by the State during the recession; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, AB 116 (Speier, 1995) sunsetted on January 1, 2000; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Department has prepared the 2000 California Rail Passenger Program Report in order to provide a comprehensive 10-year report; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, the Commission's Public Transit Committee reviewed the preliminary draft of the 10-year Rail Passenger Program Report (1999-00 – 2008-09) at its September 1999 meeting and advised Caltrans to include in its final 10-year report:
 - standards for meeting its 10-year goals for: providing rail as an alternative mode of transportation; congestion relief; clean air; fuel efficiency; and improved land use.
 - a fiscally constrained plan that takes into account the statewide priority of each corridor and the priority of projects within each corridor.
 - standards for: determining when to increase or decrease service in existing corridors; determining when to start service in new corridors; and assessing and selecting between competing areas seeking new corridor service.

- a detailed assessment of the total operational costs over the next 10 years by existing and new routes, including identifying Amtrak's share of operational costs so that total costs are known. The State should understand the projected subsidies needed from federal (Amtrak) and state revenue sources, as well as revenues from fares, to operate intercity rail service.
 - standards for measuring revenues, costs, farebox ratio, capacity, frequencies, reliability for on-time performance, reduced running times and cost effectiveness for establishing new routes and setting capital priorities.
 - the identity of the three most decrepit stations statewide, as required by statute.
- 1.6 WHEREAS, Caltrans desired and the Commission concurred that the final report should be deferred so that Caltrans could incorporate in its final report the projected future operating and capital funding needs from Amtrak's California Passenger Rail Study; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, Amtrak's projections have been received and included in the final draft 10-year report; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, the Public Transit Committee reviewed the final draft 10-year report at its November 2000 meeting and recommended that the Commission give its consent on the report; and
- 1.9 WHEREAS, the Commission, at its November 2000 meeting, formally provided its advice to the Department on the preliminary and final drafts of the Rail Passenger Program Report and in granting its consent reiterated the following comment regarding the final 10-year rail report:
- Caltrans must establish standards for meeting its 10-year goals for: providing rail as an alternative mode of transportation; congestion relief; clean air; fuel efficiency; and improved land use in its 2002 update of its 10-year plan.
- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby provide its consent to the information contained in the Rail Passenger Program Report and directs the Department to transmit to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Public Utilities Commission the 1999-00 / 2008-09 10-Year Rail Passenger Program Report.